Minister of Railways to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational and welfare activities of national importance. Other categories are self explanatory.

Unemployed Persons

4095. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unemployed persons registered with various Employment Exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide employment to these persons;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide special grants to the States to give unemployment allowance to the jobless youth;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) A Statement is enclosed.

(b) The approach to the 9th Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty.

(c) to (e) The Central Government is not in favour of paying unemployment allowance to any category of unemployed on account of resource constraints.

Statement

Number of job-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as at the end of 31st December, 1996.

(In thousands)

State/Union Territories	Number on live register
1	2
States	
1. Andhra Pradesh	2937.6
2. Arunachal Pradesh	7.0
3. Assam	1296.0
4. Bihar	3465.5
5. Goa	102.7
6. Gujarat	931.3
7. Haryana	756.3
8. Himachal Pradesh	638.4
9. Jammu and Kashmir	152.9
10. Karnataka	1808.5
11. Kerala	3274.1
12. Madhya Pradesh	2293.6
13. Maharashtra	3815.9
14. Manipur	292.1
15. Meghalaya	28.0
16. Mizoram	48.8
17. Nagaland	20.6
18. Orissa	963.5
19. Punjab	540.0
20. Rajasthan	886.9
21. Sikkim*	
22. Tamil Nadu	3607.7
23. Tripura	205.9
24. Uttar Pradesh	2491.6
25. West Bengal	5468.8
Union Territories	
26. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	21.6
27. Chandigarh	139.7
28. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	5.0
29. Delhi	1081.2
30. Daman and Diu	5.0
31. Lakshadweep	9.7
32. Pondicherry	133.8
Total	37429.6

Note : 1. No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

2. Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

3. All the job-seekers on the live register are not necessarily unemployed.

New Railway Line from Adilabad to Chanala

4096. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of the new broad gauge railway line from Adilabad to Chanala (Maharashtra) has been completed;

(b) if so, when the said railway line was completed; and

(c) the time by which trains from North and South are likely to start on the said railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No such work is in progress.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.